

whole person, including the person standing before this distinguished body today. As a member of the graduating class of 1969, I have personally experienced the benefits of attending an institution that instills a true appreciation and genuine respect for the importance of education, voluntarism, civic responsibility, and community involvement.

Over the past 50 years, Timon has remained steadfast in its mission to create "a spiritual, academic, and physical environment that nurtures and enhances the growth and development of each student." Bishop Timon-St. Jude is an institution that teaches life skills, and it continues to serve as an example of how a superior educational institution contributes to the stability of a region. The western New York community is a stronger community because of the quality educational experience that Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School provides.

Mr. Speaker, today I join with the faculty, staff, administration, and students of Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School, the alumni, and indeed, our entire western New York community in recognition of this historic 50th anniversary.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY

HON. ROBERT A. WEYGAND

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Mr. WEYGAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor today's celebration of National Sportsmanship Day. National Sportsmanship Day is designed to foster ethics and fair play in healthy athletic competition.

National Sportsmanship Day is administered by the Institute for International Sport, located in my district at my alma mater, the University of Rhode Island. Since its inception in 1991, this program has grown to include more than 8,000 schools in all 50 States and in 75 countries worldwide.

To better educate students about good sportsmanship, the institute provides information and materials to participating schools on sports ethics, healthy competition, and fair and equitable play. The institute also sponsors essay contests, many of which are printed in local newspapers and further spread the laudable message of good sportsmanship.

In the past, National Sportsmanship Day has enjoyed the support and encouragement of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. This year is no different and its cochairs, Florence Griffith Joyner and Tom McMillen, have again commended the Institute for International Sport for its work on promoting good sportsmanship.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding those participating in this worthwhile program, and in extending my congratulations to the Institute for International Sport for being recognized by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

I would like to include in the RECORD the letter received by the Institute for International Sport from the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The letter follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS, Washington, DC.

Once again, the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is pleased to recognize National Sportsmanship Day, March 4, 1997. Participation in sports is a great way to promote fitness while at the same time teaching lessons and skills that help us lead longer, healthier lives.

While it is personally satisfying to receive acclaim on individual athletic feats, it is more important to try to help all athletes focus on the value of fair play, ethics, integrity, honesty and sportsmanship, as well as improving their levels of physical activity and fitness.

The Institute for International Sport deserves recognition for the role it continues to play in this important annual event. We wish you every success in your efforts to promote the importance of National Sportsmanship Day.

FLORENCE GRIFFITH
JOYNER,

Co-Chair.

TOM McMILLEN,

Co-Chair.

IN HONOR OF THE U.S.S. "MONITOR"

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the valuable contributions of the U.S.S. *Monitor* during the Civil War and the wonderful success that the Greenpoint Monitor Museum has been in preserving its memory.

Built in the shipyards of Greenpoint, Brooklyn, the U.S.S. *Monitor* left the New York Harbor on March 6, 1862, to ward off its attacks and to destroy the C.S.S. *Virginia*. On March 9, for 4 hours this vessel fought her dreaded adversary to a standstill, in a battle which revolutionized naval warfare while protecting the Union blockade of the southern coast from its most serious challenge.

On Saturday, March 8, the people of Greenpoint will gather to celebrate the 135th anniversary of the departure out of the New York Harbor of the U.S.S. *Monitor* on its way to defeat the C.S.S. *Virginia*. They will follow the route of the U.S.S. *Monitor* from Greenpoint where she was built and launched, passed the Navy yard where she was fitted with her armaments, and finally up to Fort Hamilton where she departed the New York Harbor.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in paying tribute to the Greenpoint Monitor Museum which made this first annual celebration possible and the history of the U.S.S. *Monitor* available to everyone.

INTRODUCTION OF THE UNION MEMBERS' RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT

HON. JON CHRISTENSEN

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, last year, the AFL-CIO spent more than \$35 million on

deceitful and negative television commercials. These ads were paid for by the dues of hard working union members all across America who have a right to know how their dues are being spent.

That's why today I'm introducing the "Union Members' Right-to-Know Act."

This piece of legislation amends Federal law to require labor organizations to inform their members of how much money they spent on: Political activities, including so-called issue advocacy and voter education; political candidates and organizations—including in-kind assistance; and affiliated political action committees [PAC's] and the candidates the PAC's assist.

This is not an antiunion bill. Republicans, Democrats, and union members alike all believe that union members should have the right to know how their dues are spent. For too long, the labor bosses in Washington have prevented the average hard working union member from knowing how his dues are spent—dues that according to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Communications Workers of America versus Beck* can be refunded to any union member if they are not being expressly used for representational purposes.

I am responding to the many union members of my district who contacted me last year expressing their opposition to the use of their dues money being spent on partisan politics. They have a right to know.

HONORING MARY RHODES, MAYOR OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant, Mayor Mary Rhodes, who is retiring in April after 6 years of distinguished service as the mayor of Corpus Christi, TX. On April 4, 1997, the day before the election to succeed her, Special Olympics, Inc. will host a benefit honoring the mayor. I want to join them in commending Mayor Rhodes' service to our community.

Mayor Rhodes came to the mayor's office knowledgeable of the Corpus Christi municipal government. Prior to her service as mayor, she served for 4 years as a member of the Corpus Christi City Council. Mayor Rhodes' other official activities include serving as chair for the Metropolitan Planning Organization and as a board member of the Texas Municipal League.

She has also participated in various civic organizations such as the United Way, the League of Women Voters, and the City Council of Parent/Teacher Associations.

Mayor Rhodes has done much to help the children of Corpus Christi through programs to enhance their health and education. Like me, she speaks to schools as often as possible. We both support DARE, an antidrug program, and Operation Supply Our Students, a program aimed at providing school supplies to low-income school districts.

Perhaps one of Mayor Rhodes' greatest legacies is her progress in finding solutions to the long-term water needs of the area. The 1996 drought made many Texas communities realize how very valuable water is to our economic fortunes and personal well-being.